(c) whether Government have made any survey about the establishment of Doordarshan Kendra at Meghashani hill in the District?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes bringing out advancements in the agricultural field for the benefit of the viewers especially those in backward areas and to expand the transmission facility in such areas.

(b) The existing low power TV transmitter at Baripeda is functioning satisfactorily. Any further improvement of TV service in the district depends upon the availability of funds for the purpose.

(c) No, Sir.

Production of programmes projecting the rich cultural traditions by doordarshan kendra, Cuttack

3344. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack has not been able to produce adequate number of programmes projecting the rich cultural traditions of western and southern districts of Orissa and also unable to produce programme at short notice;

(b) if so, what measure Government are going to take in this regard;

(c) whether Government of Orissa have requested to provide an auxiliary studio at Sambalpur and Jeypore with the advent of satellite transmission service; and

(d) if so, what is the achievement in this regard; if not by when it is likely to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Important fairs and Festivals as well Folk traditions from all over Orissa are being regularly covered and telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Cuttack.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no approved Scheme at present for establishment of Programme Production Facility at Sambalpur and Jeypore.

Express Highways in Rajasthan

3345. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any demand from the State Government of Rajasthan that Express Highway from Jaipur to Ajmer may be included in the first priority "Express Highway System";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon and if not, the rereasons for non-inclusion thereof; and

(c) whether State Government of Rajasthan have also demanded funds from the Government of India under the Central Road Fund for continuing their road works and also for new works for the year 1990-91; if so, funds allocated to them till July, 1990, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan have projected their requirement of funds amounting to Rs. 1250.10 lakhs in Budget Estimate 1990-91 for approved works under Central Road Fund. An amount of Rs. 100.00 lakhs has been earmarked for allotment during 1990-91. Further sanction of new works and release of funds for the same will depend on actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund which is yet to take place.